

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET AND RESIDENTS WITHIN 100 FEET OF A PROJECT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2011 1:00 P.M.* (SEE NOTE BELOW) CITY HALL – 735 ANACAPA STREET CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APPLICATION OF CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR ANDREE CLARK BIRD REFUGE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE AND HABITAT RESTORATION PROJECT, 1400-1700 BLOCKS EAST CABRILLO BLVD (ANDREE CLARK BIRD REFUGE) AND 1414 PARK PLACE (CULVERT), APN 017-382-001; 017-381-001, PR/SD3 ZONES, GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: PARK (MST2011-00315)

The project would remove 0.86 acres of marsh vegetation from Andree Clark Bird Refuge and restore 0.86 acres of wetland habitat at the Refuge, and remove silt and vegetation from a grouted sandstone culvert along Old Coast Highway and from a concrete culvert entering the Bird Refuge from the north, for a total of 0.07 acres from the culverts. Maintenance activities would occur over a five-year period to keep the affected locations free of marsh vegetation. The purpose of the project is to restore water flow and conveyance in the lake and culverts to reduce mosquito production and flooding, improve water quality and limit eutrophication and resulting odors. The proposal would also protect the diversity of habitats at the Bird Refuge.

The discretionary applications required for this project are:

- 1. A Coastal Development Permit (CDP2011-00014) to allow the proposed development for the culvert portion of the project in the Non-Appealable Jurisdiction of the City's Coastal Zone (SBMC § 28.44.060); and
- 2. Planning Commission recommendation to the California Coastal Commission for the portion of the project in its permanent jurisdiction for the maintenance and restoration of the Andree Clark Bird Refuge within the submerged portion of the lake.

The Planning Commission will consider approval of the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15074.

You are invited to attend this hearing. Written comments are welcome and will be entered into the public record. Written information should be submitted prior to the meeting at the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden St; by mail attention Planning Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990; or by email at PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCa.gov, and received no later than 4:30 P.M. on the Monday before the Planning Commission hearing. Please submit 12 copies of any written materials over 2 pages. Written comments are accepted at and up to the time of the hearing; however, the Planning Commission may not have time to consider materials submitted after the Monday deadline.

This is the only notification you will receive for this development application. The scope of this project may be modified under further review. If you have any questions, wish to review the plans, or wish to be placed on a mailing list for future agendas for this item, please contact Kathy Frye, Natural Areas Planner, at (805) 897-1976, or by email at kfrye@SantaBarbaraCA.gov. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and every other Friday. Please check our website under City Calendar to verify closure dates.

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If you, as an aggrieved party or applicant, disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission regarding the outcome of this application, you may appeal the decision to the City Council. The appeal, accompanied by the appropriate filing fee per application, must be filed in the City Clerk's Office within ten calendar days of the Planning Commission decision. If the Planning Commission decision is appealed, and if the City Council approves the project on appeal, then it is appealable to the California Coastal Commission under California Public Resources Code §30603(a) and SBMC §28.44.060.

If you challenge the permit approval or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at, or prior to the public hearing.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Division Office at (805) 564-5470, extension 4535. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

* NOTE: On Thursday, November 3, 2011, an Agenda with all items to be heard on Thursday, November 10, 2011, will be available at 630 Garden Street. AGENDAS, MINUTES and REPORTS: Copies of all documents relating to agenda items are available for review at 630 Garden St. and posted online at www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov/pc. Please note that online Staff Reports may not include some exhibits. **Agenda items are subject to change.** It is recommended that applicants and interested parties plan to arrive for the meeting at 1:00 p.m. However, for longer agendas, all parties are encouraged to monitor Channel 18 and when the item prior to the application of interest begins come to the Commission hearing. Continuances will not be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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